GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Agriculture & Cooperation Department – Implementation of Price Support Scheme for Procurement of Bajra under Minimum Support Price (MSP) during Kharif 2021 – Appointment of A.P.MARKFED as State Nodal Agency– Orders - Issued.

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AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (MKTG.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.705 Dated:03 -11-2021

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.27, Agriculture & Cooperation (MKTG. II) Department, Dated: 09-01-2020
2. MSP for Kharif crops for KMS 2021-22 declared by GoI vide Dept. of Agriculture & Cooperation and Farmers Welfare, letter dt:11-06-2021
3. Bajra Market prices from Department of Agricultural Marketing website on 09-09-2021
4. From Commissioner Agriculture, A.P., Guntur, Letter No. Stat(1) 13/ 2021 dated 15-09-2021.
5. From the M.D., A.P.Markfed, Letter No.P&M/Bjar/MSP/KMS/2021-22 dated: 09.09.2021

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ORDER:

In the Government Order first read above, the guidelines for MSP operations of Coarse Grains were issued to the Nodal Agency.

2. In the letter fifth read above, the Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED, Vijayawada has informed that the Department of Agriculture vide letter fourth read above, communicated the District-wise Area, Yield & Production estimates and expected harvesting/market arrival period for Coarse grains during Kharif 2021. As per the information furnished by the Department of Agriculture, the Bajra sown area is 25,167Ha and the expected Production is 55,771MT's.

3. The Government of India has declared the MSP for Bajra as Rs.2,250/- per Quintal for the KMS 2021-22. As per the guidelines issued by the Department of Food and Public Distribution the Government of India will give financial assistance for procurement of the coarse grains under MSP provided that the procured coarse grains are distributed under Public Distribution the Government. As Bajra is not distributed under Public Distribution System/other schemes in the State, the procurement of Bajra under MSP has to be taken up in the State Account.

4. The Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED has requested the State Government to nominate the A.P. MARKFED as Nodal Agency and to accord permission to procure 16,730 MT's of Bajra under MSP during Kharif 2021 in the State Government Account. Further, Managing Director, A.P. Markfed has requested to arrange the required funds from Price Stabilization Fund and accord permission to raise the funds by way of loans from the Banks.

5. The Government after careful examination of the proposal and considering the exigency to procure Bajra to ensure that farmers get remunerative price and relive them from distress sale, hereby nominate the A.P Markfed as the Nodal Agency for procurement of 16,730MT's of Bajra

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under Price Support Scheme on MSP during Kharif 2021 with the following modalities:-

1. The MSP fixed by the Government of India for Kharif Marketing Season 2021-22 for FAQ Bajra is Rs.2,250/- per Quintal shall be implemented by the Nodal Agency i.e A.P.Markfed.

2. The procurement period will be from 05-11-2021 to 31.01.2022.

3. The procurement centers will be at the RBK level. The procurement centers/agencies will be decided by the District Administration in the District Level Procurement Committee meeting as per the area and production details given by the Department of Agriculture.

4. The District Administration can also decide to involve good working District Co-operative Marketing Societies (DCMS), Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS), FPO's, Village Organizations (SHGs) as Agencies for taking up procurement operations at the RBK level.

5. The stocks will be procured directly from the farmers who are registered in the e-Crop portal of the Department of Agriculture during Kharif 2021-22.

6. In the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic outbreak, the procurement centers are to be opened at the RBK level. The procurement should happen duly following the social distancing.

7. The A.P.Markfed in coordination with Marketing Department shall arrange to position necessary equipment like tarpaulins, moisture meters, dryers, sieves, stitching machines, weighing scales, etc., at the procurement centers. The Nodal Agency, the AP Markfed shall also inspect and ensure that the availability of necessary equipment at the purchase centers well in advance.

8. The State Government will arrange the working capital for A.P.MARKFED for procurement of the requisite quantity of Bajra on MSP from the Price Stabilisation Fund. In case of exigency to make timely payment to the farmers the A.P Markfed is permitted to raise the loans from the Banks and the interest amount shall be reimbursed from the State Government PSF.

9. In the Districts, under the Chairmanship of the Joint Collector (RB&R), a committee shall be constituted with JDA, PD DRDA; DCO; DSO; AD, Mktg.; District Manager, AP Markfed, to ensure effective implementation of MSP operations of Bajra. This Committee shall also decide the Transportation/gunnies/unloading rates etc. for effective procurement operations if the same are not finalized by the State Level Committee.

10. The District Collectors shall provide all necessary assistance to the A.P.MARKFED in the implementation of Bajra MSP operations and ensure wide publicity.

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11. The Warehousing Agencies viz; CWC/ SWC Authorized collateral Managing agencies like Star Agri/AWSL/NBHC etc. shall also provide space for storing the procured stocks of Bajra. Necessary instructions shall also be issued to all the Warehouse Managers to record the accurate weighment, moisture, etc., both at the time of depositing the stocks and at the time of delivery of the stocks. The Warehouse Managers of SWC/CWC/ and other service providers shall verify the quality as per FAQ specifications and record the same as FAQ stocks in stock acknowledgement/ warehouse receipts.

12. The Aadhar based online farmers payments should be done through CM APP.

13. The AP MARKFED will be allowed incidental charges on an actual basis, which include Storage charges, packing material cost, unloading/loading hamali charges, transportation, cost grading and packing stitching charges and QR code label cost and commission/service charges etc.

14. Commission @2.5%of the grain cost (MSP) on the procurement of Bajra will be provided to the Nodal agency i.e. A.P Markfed for conducting these operations in addition to the other administrative expenses involved thereof.

15. After completion of the Bajra procurement in the State Government account, A.P. MARKFED shall inform the State Level Procurement Committee to decide on the early disposal of the procured Bajra stocks.

16. The A.P.Markfed shall take necessary steps for ensuring the liquidation of the procured Bajra stocks at the earliest to minimize the procurement losses.

17. After disposal of the stocks the Managing Director, A.P MARKFED shall submit finalized accounts duly audited by the statutory auditor for reimbursement of losses incurred, if any in the transaction i.e. the difference between the Cost of acquisition and sale Price realized shall be borne by the State Government from Price Stabilisation Fund.

6. The Commissioner and Director of Agricultural Marketing, Andhra Pradesh, Guntur and the Managing Director, A.P. MARKFED, Andhra Pradesh , Vijayawada shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

7. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance (EAC) Dept. vide their U.O.No: FIN01-FMU0ASD (AC)/97/2021- FMU-AC-CS- AH, Dt:26.10.2021..

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRAPRADESH)

Y.MADHUSUDHANA REDDY
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

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Dt 01/11/2021

To
The Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P,Guntur.
The Managing Director, A.P MARKFED, Vijayawada.

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The Commissioner of Agriculture, A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner for Cooperation & Registrar Cooperative Societies, A.P., Guntur.
The Commissioner of Civil Supplies, A.P., Vijayawada
Copy to:-
All Collectors / Joint Collectors / District Supply Officers through Commissioner & Director of Agricultural Marketing, A.P., Guntur.
The PS to the Principal Secretary to the Hon'ble Chief Minister, A.P.
The P.S to Hon'ble Minister for (Fin & CS), A.P., Velagapudi.
The P. S to Hon'ble Minister for Agri., Mktg. & Coop., Velagapudi.
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S. Narasinga Rao
SECTION OFFICER